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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	April 25, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member, President
Diane Maddex, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Don Blackburn

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Senall called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Continuing Education Requests

A motion was made by Dr. Hilovsky, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the following continuing education courses:

Eye Care of Delaware

The OD's Role in New Intraocular Lenses, 11/30/11, 2 hours

Interesting Retinal Cases and Round Table Discussion, 3/8/12, 2 hours

Eye Physicians and Surgeons, P.A.

VGEF – Trap Update, 1/17/12, 1 hour

Latest Advancements in Corneal Transplantation, 1/17/12, 1 hour

Retinal Emergencies Update, 2/15/12 & 3/15/12, 1 hour each

Ocular Tumor Update, 2/15/12, 1 hour

Visual Field Testing for the Glaucoma, 3/15/12, 1 hour

Eye Associates of Buck County, P.C.

Advances in Modern Cataract Surgery, 3/8/12, 45 minutes

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint No. 12-01-10 – Closed

Complaint No. 12-01-11 – Forwarded to Attorney General's Office

Complaint No. 12-02-11 – Assigned to Hearing Officer

Review of Application for Internship

The Board reviewed the application from Dr. Scott Tucci for internship. A motion was made by Dr. Hilovsky, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Tucci to begin his 6-month internship. The motion was unanimously carried.

Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Rossana Luna, Dr. Michael Rebarchik and Dr. Stephanie Lang verifying that they had completed their 6-month internships.

A motion was made by Dr. Senall, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve therapeutic optometrist licensure for Dr. Rossana Luna, Dr. Michael Rebarchik and Dr. Stephanie Lang. The motion was unanimously carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the email from MaryJoy Ballantyne asking if there were any laws or regulations that would restrict or prevent an optometrist from providing patients with a

complimentary reusable eye-drop delivery aid. The Board decided that a response will be sent to Ms. Ballantyne advising her that there are no laws or regulations that would restrict or prevent an optometrist from providing patients with a complimentary reusable eye-drop delivery aid.

The Board reviewed the email from Lois Parker requesting that she and Dr. Blackburn be placed on the agenda for this meeting. Dr. Blackburn was present to discuss the email. Dr. Blackburn stated that he had an insurance company questioning whether developmental testing was billable and within the scope of practice of optometry and asked if the Board could draft a letter stating that it is within the definition of the practice of optometry. Dr. Blackburn was advised that this is not a board issue. The Board suggested that he provide the insurance company with a copy of the statute, and that he may want to contact the Insurance Commissioner's Office.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no other public comment.

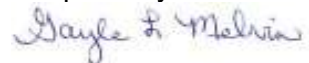
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Kaza made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Melvin
Administrative Specialist III